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- Between 2 and 10 July 1954, no firing practices were held on the Apetlon (P 48/X 74) troop training grounds, although the road from Apetlon to the firing range was blocked to farmers and other civilian traffic from 5 to 10 July. Compared with previous observations, military traffic at the cantonment decreased during the first few days of July.
- Between 2200 and 2230 on 5 July, a column of about 40 trucks towing about 30 medium AA guns and a field kitchen came from the cantonment and passed through Apetlon. Between 0230 and 0300 on 6 July, another motorized column of about the same strength drove through Apetlon to the cantonment.
- Statements by Soviet officers between 2 and 10 July, indicated that dependents of about 20 officers living in private quarters at Apetlon came from Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). On 9 July, some of the dependents were to start on a two-month leave in the USSR. The residents of the dairy at Apetlon were notified that they must evacuate the premises of the dairy by the spring of 1955.
- Vehicular traffic observed between Apetlon and the cantonment from 2 to 8 July included:
 On the afternoon of 2 July, Van-like truck [] truck [] and jeep [] which came from Illmitz (P 48/X 74).
 On the afternoon of 3 July, Trucks []
 Between 1000 and 2000 on 4 July, Trucks [] which went to the firing range.
 Between 1400 and 1600 on 5 July, Van-like truck [] and truck []
 Between 1200 and 1600 on 7 July, Jeep [] and truck [] which came from Illmitz.
 Between 0900 and 1300 on 8 July, Jeep [] trucks []
 All drivers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.
- Only little vehicular traffic was observed at the Apetlon cantonment on 9 July. On the morning of 10 July, a column of 10 trucks [] left the cantonment. Other vehicles included truck [] which, on 15 July, was also seen on the highway west of Bruck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77) driving toward Vienna. All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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 Comment. The information indicates that the Apetlon AAA range was still occupied by Soviet troops between 1 and 10 July 1954. The information about the officers' dependents from Korneuburg again confirms the 23d AAA Div at the Apetlon AAA range. 



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